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1. Vietnam

Communist guerrillas attacked a government battalion yesterday 12 miles west of Saigon. South Vietnamese casualties were heavy. No US casualties have been reported from this action. The Viet Cong withdrew when the government unit was reinforced.

During the week, although there have been no large-unit Viet Cong attacks, heavy Communist pressure on lines of communication has persisted, and the number of Viet Cong - initiated incidents rose substantially above last week's total.

No significant change in the political situation has been reported since yesterday.

2. Dominican Republic

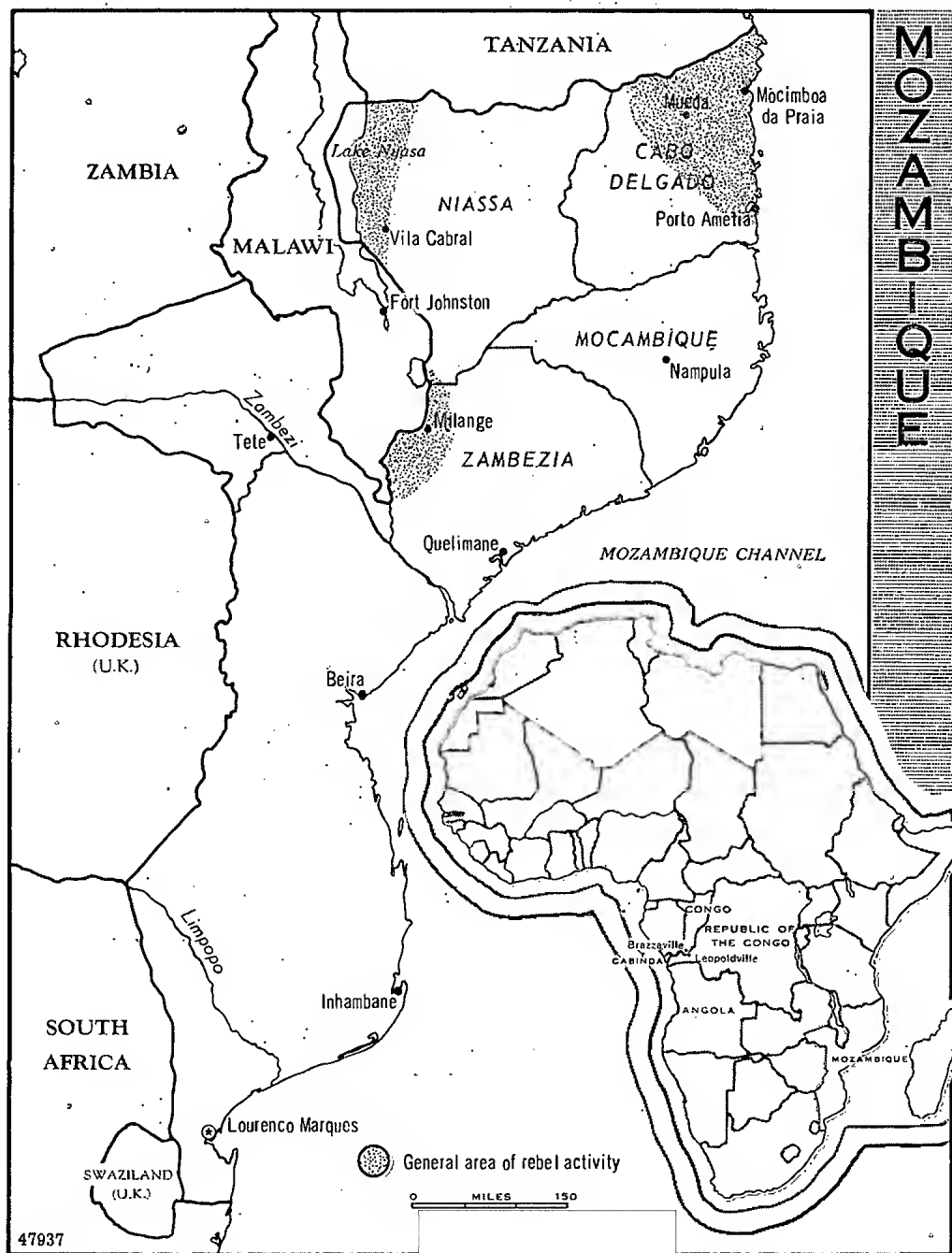
The Imbert regime has taken further security precautions throughout the interior following yesterday's rebel attacks at San Francisco de Macoris. Although [redacted]

[redacted] that hard-line elements among the rebels are planning similar forays in several other interior towns, no new disorders have so far been reported. Provocative attacks against US personnel are reportedly also envisaged, but US forces are alerted to this.

The attack yesterday has served to bolster those elements within the Imbert group who want to clean out the rebels in Santo Domingo.

Information continues to come in on splits among the various rebel groups, including even the Communist-oriented factions, between those who want to continue the struggle and those who want a settlement.

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3. Mozambique

Anti-Portuguese rebel activity is increasing in Mozambique (see map). The rebels are still no match for the Portuguese troops, but their forces are becoming larger and their attacks more frequent. They are also receiving new weapons of Communist origin, apparently by way of Tanzania.

4. Indonesia

The unsuccessful demolition operation by Indonesian frogmen in Singapore reported in today's press was part of a campaign Djakarta proposes to wage every night until an explosion is achieved, or until 29 June, the day the Afro-Asian conference is supposed to convene in Algiers.

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5. Greece

King Constantine has reached an "irrevocable decision" to have a showdown with Prime Minister Papandreou. Constantine will insist that Papandreou give up his intention to relieve the conservative chief of the army general staff, and insist on a thorough investigation of recent scandals involving political activity by officers on active service.

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Constantine believes Papandreou will yield on these issues, but if he does not, the King will "fire" him. Constantine is probably over-optimistic on this. Papandreou still has strong popular support and may resist being dismissed. If he does, a major political crisis will result.

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6. British Guiana

Prime Minister Burnham says that for each new incident of violence in the colony he proposes to lock up one or more of Cheddi Jagan's principal henchmen in the People's Progressive Party. Three were put under indefinite detention last night. Burnham says he has definite information that Jagan is personally directing the sabotage campaign which began with the bombing earlier this week of the US Consulate.

7. Afro-Asian Conference

Despite frantic behind-the-scenes efforts by the Chinese Communists to whip up support for holding the Afro-Asian conference in Algiers next week on schedule, its fate is in the balance.

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8. Cuba

[redacted] on 19 June a Cuban IL-14 transport aircraft was shot down by a Cuban surface-to-air missile east of Havana.

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[redacted] the plane appears to have been one frequently used by Fidel Castro. However, there is no evidence suggesting that Castro was on board and it seems virtually certain that he was not.

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